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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6875**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1210

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 15, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 14, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Abortion Matters.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Turner

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Miller

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill states public policy findings concerning a fetus feeling pain and a compelling state interest in protecting the fetus.

The bill sets requirements for performing an abortion after the first trimester but before the earlier of viability of the fetus or 20 weeks of postfertilization age of the fetus (current law requirements are based on viability of the fetus). It requires that a physician determine the postfertilization age of a fetus before performing an abortion, and allows for the discipline of a physician who fails to do this in certain circumstances.

The bill requires a physician who performs an abortion to: (1) have admitting privileges at a hospital in the county or in a contiguous county to the county where the abortion is performed; or (2) enter into an agreement with a physician who has admitting privileges in the county or contiguous county; and notify the patient of the hospital location where the patient can receive follow-up care by the physician.

The bill adds information that a pregnant woman must be informed of orally and in writing (current law requires that the information be given only orally) before an abortion may be performed concerning the physician, risks involved, information concerning the fetus, available assistance, and existing law. It also requires a pregnant woman seeking an abortion to view fetal ultrasound imaging unless the pregnant woman states in writing that the pregnant woman does not want to view the fetal ultrasound imaging.

The bill requires the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to post Internet website links on the ISDH web site to materials setting forth certain information concerning a fetus and abortion.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Summary:* The ISDH has reported that providing the required Internet links to specified information may be accomplished within the level of resources currently available to the agency.

*Additional Details:* The bill requires specified information developed by the ISDH to be provided in hard copy to a pregnant woman and Internet links to the specified information to be available on the ISDH web site. The information is no longer required to be developed by ISDH; rather, the ISDH is to provide Internet links. The information to have Internet links posted includes: scientific information regarding the development of a fetus, including color pictures of every two weeks of gestational age; medically accurate information regarding the medical risks associated with abortion and childbirth; information regarding assistance for pregnancy and childbirth; information regarding a biological father's obligation to pay child support; and information regarding public and private agencies that provide assistance to women throughout pregnancy, childbirth, and the child's dependency. The web site is also required to contain information regarding telephone 211 dialing for accessing human services and the types of services available through the 211 service.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** ISDH.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas Women's Right to Know web page at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wrtk/default.shtm>; and Georgia Women's Right to Know web page at: <http://health.state.ga.us/wrtk/> .

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